

CHILD PROTECTION ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION
Education Committee

July 18, 2018; 1 to 3 p.m.

Collette Resource Center, Conference Room A

Meeting: The Child Protection Accountability Commission (CPAC) Education Subcommittee was called to order on July 18, 2018 at 1:11 p.m. at the Collette Resource Center by Chairperson Susan Haberstroh.

Attendees:

Barbara Crowell, Family Court

Moira Dillion, DFS

John Eberly, Deputy Attorney General

Susan Haberstroh, DOE

Eliza Hirst, OCA

Rosie Morales, Office of Child Advocate (By phone)

Deb Stevens, DSEA

Brian Moore, DOE

Michele Yingling, DSCYF

Agenda Topics

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and introductions made.

II. Approval of Minutes

Susan Haberstroh asked for the committee members to review the meeting minutes from the March 14, 2018 meeting. John Eberly made a motion and seconded by Judge Crowell to accept the meeting minutes as presented, motion passed.

III. Compassionate Schools/Trauma Supports Update:

Deb Stevens reported out that the Compassionate Connections Partnership group is completing year one of a three year grant. The districts included in the grant are Christina and Red Clay. The schools in Christina are Bancroft Elementary and Bayard Middle School. The schools in Red Clay are Highlands Elementary, Shortlidge Academy, and Warner Elementary.

A training in December was done by EducationalHall (Pete Hall and Kristin Souers) around Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and how ACES impact the students they serve. Other topics during the training included; showing of the Resilience movie; goal settings for individual schools; and discussions around the book *Fostering Resilient Learners* (authors Pete Hall and Kristin Souers).

A two-day professional development session was held for the three Red Clay Schools in June. The topics covered were; Poverty Simulation hosted by DSEA; Brain Architecture Game; book discussion around disrupting poverty, additional ACES training including self-care; and a planning activity with schools and their steering committees.

Deb Stevens stated that she has met with Christina to work on additional training.

Judge Crowell asked if training is being completed just with teaching staff or is all staff being included, for example bus drivers. Deb Stevens said that Colonial and Cape Henlopen have included their drivers in training. Red Clay has asked for training to include their bus drivers. Susan Haberstroh stated that under the School Support Services workgroup at the Department of Education, the Brain Architecture Game has been completed with School Nutrition Supervisors and some of the supervisors plan to bring the training back to their staff. Deb Stevens stated that she believes administrative staff also need the training along with other district office staff. Judge Crowell stated that maybe district board members could use the training as well.

Eliza Hirst reported out on trauma updates. She stated there is work related to establishing a more comprehensive strategic plan regarding trauma informed practices statewide. She also said that as she attends conferences out of state, Delaware is further along than other states; but we should never want to settle for being further along or accepting where we are. We need to keep pushing the envelope and wanting to reach further out. Judge Crowell agreed with this statement.

Eliza Hirst stated that the compassionate schools grant ends December 31, 2018. Jessica Begley and Teri Lawlor will be still working on these initiatives; however, the work will be completed on the weekends. They will be creating new programs and trying to build on what we currently have.

Grant funds have been secured to run an eight to nine week program for teachers to utilize trauma informed practice strategies in their classroom. The following kits will be available:

- Calming Corner
- Drumming Circles
- Qi Gong (DVD)
- Revibe – looks like a Fitbit and one example of use is for the technology to beep periodically to ask the student if he/she is on task.

Eliza Hirst stated that Jessica Begley and Teri Lawlor have met with University of Delaware professors to see if they can work with them on creating a survey to be sent to the schools receiving the grants to see which of the kits worked with the students and what did not work. Brian Moore stated that Red Clay received a grant for steel drums and it was successful.

Susan Haberstroh stated that a lot of great work is being done; however, the questions is how to coordinate the efforts. Eliza Hirst stated that this is something that needs to be worked on and we need to look at a way to fund positions to work on this initiative. These full-time positions are needed because most of the individuals working on this initiative, are doing other projects as well. Susan

Haberstroh stated that the Family Services Cabinet Council has been re-established with the intent of modifying how state services are provided to the citizens.

IV. Workgroup Updates:

Data – Brittany Willard was unable to attend and Susan Haberstroh stated that the work continues on common definitions. This will allow for review for trends.

Non-Academic Training - Susan Haberstroh stated that this working group is charged with providing recommendations to the CPAC Education Subcommittee for educational programming to meet the requirements of the law passed in 2017. The child abuse prevention piece for Pre-K to 6th grade students is a new requirement that goes into effect August 1, 2019. Once the CPAC Education Subcommittee approves the recommendations, these will be forward to the full CPAC for approval. The next CPAC meeting is August 8, 2018.

Michele Yingling stated that there are two handouts that the working group has provided for the CPAC Education Subcommittee. The first handout is on the four recommended educational curricula for approval to be used to meet the new requirement contained within Erin's Law, for the child abuse prevention educational piece. The second handout is a sample of the parent letter to be given to all students.

Michele Yingling stated that the non-academic training workgroup researched several curricula based on role playing, modeling, group discussion, repeat progression, and parent(s) involvement. Kelli Turner took the results and did a curriculum analysis scorecard. This scorecard was based upon a similar scorecard used by Missing and Exploited Children. The curricula were identified based on a list provided by Erin's law. From the working groups research they identified nine different educational programs and from those nine, the group narrowed it down to four programs because they felt they would best fit the needs of the districts/schools. The B.E. S.M.A.R.T curriculum is currently in use. Susan Haberstroh stated that LEAs can chose to use any of the programs or a mixture of the programs listed on the handout.

There will be a CPAC Non-Academic Training workshop on September 17th for the districts/schools to attend where the vendors can be present so that the LEAs can see/discuss the educational programming. This workshop will assist the districts/schools in making an informed decision in choosing which curricula best meets their needs.

Michele Yingling asked Rosie Morales if there was anything else that she would like to add. Rosie Morales stated that one of the curricula would be taught by child abuse staff and the other three programs would have to be taught by district/school staff. Two of the curricula would require staff to be trained and one of the curricula does not require any training before teaching the information.

Judge Crowell stated there is a big difference in cost. Do we know if the recommended programs have worked in other communities? Judge Crowell stated

she does not have knowledge of the curricula; however, she believes the committee did their due diligence in doing research on the programs. Michelle stated that all four of the curriculum meet the minimum requirements outlined in 14 Del. C § 4163.

Susan Haberstroh stated that this piece of legislation was passed without a fiscal note.

Eliza Hirst stated that she like Judge Crowell does not have knowledge of the programs but feels that she can support the programs being put forth based on the working groups recommendations. However, she did ask if PCAD has the ability to handle the volume if districts ask; because as Judge Crowell stated why would someone not use B.E. S.M.A.R.T. based on the cost. Michele Yingling stated that discussion was held on that concern at the Non-Academic working group meeting.

Susan stated if there no was no further discussion, was there a motion to accept the recommendation. Judge Crowell made a motion to accept the recommendation of the four recommended curricula and seconded by Deb Stevens. Motion passed.

Bullying & Gang Detection – The group is working with EDTv on the production of three new thirty minute modules. The new module topics will be; Hybrid Youth Gang Awareness, Online Gang Recruiting and Signs of Self-Radicalization, and Juvenile Sex Trafficking Awareness. The current one-hour online training will still be available. The Teen Dating Violence module will be up by October, 2018. The current plan is to roll out new updates every year.

Judge Crowell asked if other individuals besides school staff can receive this training. She stated this training would be great for parents because so many parents don't realize the signs or don't believe their children are a part of this type of activity. Maybe this would be good to offer to Parent Teacher Association group. Susan Haberstroh asked her if she is seeing this in a certain school area. Susan stated that if anyone knows of a group or association that would like a presentation to contact Brian Moore's office.

Brian stated that the suicide prevention training is not just being offered on line, that there was a train the trainer workshop offered this summer. Susan Haberstroh said that twelve of the nineteen districts, thirteen of the charter schools, and two individuals from Prevention of Behavioral Health (PBH) were in attendance.

Judge Crowell asked about the suicide rates over the past year. Brian stated that the age of those committing suicide are getting older and not seeing the "copy-catters" that we have had in the past.

Flexible Training- Deb Stevens stated that a process needs to be developed on what counts and who approves the choses for flexible training. Susan Haberstroh stated that for suicide it is very specific in code who approves and what counts for that area and that it has to be evidence based. Susan stated to bring this up at the Non Academic working group for further discussion.

V. Public Comment:

None

VI. Other Committee Discussion:

Eliza Hirst stated that she would like to see the committee set some priorities for the coming year instead of just meeting for the sake of meeting. Eliza stated that she would like to see some data around all the work that is being completed.

Susan said that she would send out an e-mail to all committee members asking for input on priorities for the coming year.

Judge Crowell stated that she is concerned about the public perception of out-of-school suspicions and retraumatization of certain students.

Deb Stevens stated that with the grant a researcher was brought on to look at data. Deb asked if the group would like to have Heidi Sweetman to be a part of the September, 2018 meeting, as she should have data from year 1 of the grant to provide to the group. Discussion was held on how to get the data publicized to legislators, public, etc. Deb stated she would like to see how the work that is being done has impacted the chronic absenteeism rate.

Susan Haberstroh stated that \$6 million dollars was funded for FY19 Opportunity Grant and forty-six schools will be receiving those funds. Schools with greater than, or equal to 60% low socio-economic status, or greater than, or equal to 20% English learner enrollment qualified. Trauma informed practices may be part of that grant, so hopefully we will be able to get some data from those grant funds.

VII. Next Meeting Dates 2018 --

- September 12, 2018 – Collette Education Building, Room A, Dover, DE
- December 12, 2018 – Collette Education Building, Room A, Dover, DE

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Approved CPAC 12-13-2018